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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **PROCESS FOR DRYING DIFLUOROMETHANE**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000 (Paper No. 6) was due March 20, 2001. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months, large entity) is enclosed extending the date to May 21, 2001 (May 20, 2001 having fallen on a Sunday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-21 will remain pending in this application. The amendments to the claims are for clarity or to correct minor informalities and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2000 (Paper No. 6), kindly amend the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find attached to this Amendment documents entitled "MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE PREVIOUS CLAIMS" and "CLEAN COPY OF THE NEW AND AMENDED

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